Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-17.   (CANCELLED)

18.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED)   A vehicle heads-up display system comprising:

a source for providing a heads-up display onto a windshield of a moving vehicle; and

an arrangement for controlling the contrast of the heads-up display relative to an environmental image approaching the moving vehicle, wherein the arrangement includes an optical detector for capturing the <u>environmental</u> image of the environment approaching the <u>moving</u> vehicle and a control coupled to the optical detector for <u>determining texture of the environmental image and for</u> controlling the contrast of the heads-up display in response to <u>the</u> <u>texture of</u> the environmental image approaching the moving vehicle; and

wherein the control <u>arrangement</u> selects an appropriate <u>fill</u> pattern for the heads-up display dependent upon said captured <u>the texture of the environmental</u> image <u>in order</u> <u>to contrast the heads-up display relative to the environmental image</u>.

19.   (CANCELLED)

20.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED)   A method of providing a heads-up display comprising the steps of:

(a)   providing a system for directing a heads-up display onto the windshield of a moving vehicle;

(b)   directing a heads-up display onto the vehicle windshield; and

(c)   controlling the contrast of the heads-up display relative to an environmental image approaching the moving vehicle, wherein the steps of controlling includes the step of capturing the <u>environmental</u> image of the environment approaching the moving

vehicle, <u>the step of determining structural features of the environmental image,</u> and <u>the step</u> <u>of</u> controlling the contrast of the heads-up display in response to <u>the structural features of</u> the environmental image ~~captured and~~ <u>by</u> selecting an appropriate <u>fill</u> pattern for the heads-up display dependent upon ~~said captured~~ <u>the structural features of the environmental</u> image <u>in</u> <u>order to contrast the heads-up display relative to the environmental image</u>.

21.   (CANCELLED)